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In re application of :
Jones et al. :
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Serial No.: 09/822,884 : READ ONLY PRINTER (ROP)
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Filed: March 30, 2001 : CAPABILITIES ON A CSN PLATFORM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222

September 4, 2002

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Please cancel claims 5 and 10.

1. (Amended) A method of linking a read only printer (ROP) to a CSN (Compact Service Node) platform at a telecommunication facility, said method comprising:

identifying a physical location of an unassigned hardware port on the CSN platform

where said ROP is to be connected;

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